

Cave that Talked

Instructive Stories from teachings of
Pancha-Tantra




Once in a forest there was a lion, who was the king of the forest.
He was getting old and was no longer strong enough to hunt his prey



*In search of food he
came across a cave*

*I don't know how
long I have to go
around for my food*

A cartoon illustration of a lion in a savanna environment. The lion is orange with a yellow mane, standing on a brown ground. In the background, there are green bushes, a small tree with large green leaves, and a grey rock formation. A white speech bubble with black text is positioned above the lion's head. The lion has a small white mark on its back.


*May be in this cave I can
find some prey, let me
check out*

The lion looked around but he can't find his prey and finally he became so tired.



The lion made himself comfortable inside the cave

*There is no one here but
this is a good place for hiding.
I shall sit here and wait for
someone to come.*

A cartoon illustration of a lion with a large, light brown mane and a sad expression, sitting in a cave. The lion's mouth is slightly open, showing its pink tongue. The cave is depicted with dark purple and green jagged lines representing rocks and foliage. The lion is sitting on a light brown, textured ground.

If some animal comes, I will have it for my full satisfaction sitting in this cave itself.

A fox used to live in this cave and he was returning to the cave.

Oops! There is
someone entered
my cave

*Suddenly the fox saw the foot-marks of the
Lion all pointing towards the cave.*





*These are the foot-
marks of the Lion,
thank God I spotted it.
Before going inside, I
will have to confirm
whether the lion is
inside or not.*




Oh! My dear cave, what is wrong with you ? Everyday you welcome me so heartily but today why are you so quite ? Now listen if you will not call me then I will go to some other place.

*This cave can talk but
it is silent today be-
cause it is afraid of
me. But if the cave will
not reply then fox will
go away and I will
lose my food*

*My dear fox, please
come inside and take
rest, you must be
very tired.*





*I have to get
away from
here as quick
as possible.*

When the lion came out of the cave, he saw the fox running away.



MORAL:

***Just like the clever fox, you also
must think before you do any work.
This will save you from difficulties.
One who thinks wisely and acts
accordingly is really wise.***